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ENDS MCWALTERS/MORLEY AFFAIR

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1. DURING COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON NOVEMBER 3, I GAVE PRESIDENT TOURE SUMMARY OF WHAT I HAD TOLD PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI (REFTEL) EARLIER ON EVIDENT CONFUSION ON PART OF GUINEAN EMBASSY DAKAR RESULTING IN GUINEAN GOVERNMENT BELIEF THAT USIA EMPLOYEE MARY MCWALTERS WAS ALLEGED AMERICAN SPY PATRICIA MORLEY. TOURE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MY PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE INCLUDING PASSPORT CONFUSION AND BACKGROUND OF DR. OPAL. IN REPLY TOURE SAID MUCH THE SAME THING AS BEAVOGUI TOLD ME EARLIER, I.E., HE HAD NEVER COMMENTED ON LETTER IN ANY WAY AND HAD NEVER PUBLICIZED MCWALTERS CONNECTION. HE HAD INFORMED US IN BELIEF WE WOULD INVESTIGATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. HE REITERATED HIS CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT, IN US GOVERNMENT AND IN ME AND SAID HE FULLY ACCEPTED OUR ASSURANCES THAT USG NOT INVOLVED WITH HIS ENEMIES. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT WHOEVER PREPARED MORLEY LETTER MUST HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING

MCWALTERS MOVEMENTS CLOSELY CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF
COINCIDENCES BETWEEN MCWALTERS MOVEMENTS AND EVENTS MENTIONED
IN LETTER. TOURE AGAIN ASSURED ME THAT IF HE EVER HAD ANY
REASON TO WISH TO ATTACK USG HE WOULD TELL ME IN ADVANCE.

2. BASED ON ASSURANCES FROM TOURE WE MAY HAVE HEARD THE LAST
OF THIS MESS. I SHOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE BY NO
MEANS CHANGED TOURE'S PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER TRAITS. THE
PRESIDENT IS PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS OWN DEATH AND POSSIBILITY
OF ASSASSINATION. HE TAKES INFORMATION SUCH AS THAT IN THE
MORLEY LETTER SERIOUSLY AND IF ANY OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS
COME TO HIS ATTENTION HE WILL PROBABLY PUBLISH THEM. AS
LONG AS HE REMAINS CONVINCED THAT USG OR WHAT HE BELIEVES IS
PART OF USG NOT OPPOSED TO HIM, WE CAN PROBABLY HANDLE FUTURE
INCIDENTS IN THE SAME WAY WE HAVE HANDLED PREVIOUS PROBLEMS
OF THIS SORT.
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